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(OCTOBER 26)

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3. TASS Reports Protest Meeting and Appeal of Soviet Scientists - Oct 26 - In a bulletin probably transmitted for domestic consumption as well as for Europe, TASS reported a meeting of the USSR Academy of Sciences "held in protest against the aggressive action of the American imperialists." In an opening statement the Academy Vice President said that the "whole world expects the US to heed the voice of reason" and expressed hope "that scientists of the world will hear the call of reason."
4. Pravda Reports "Unparalleled War Hysteria" in US - Oct 26 - In a despatch from Soviet correspondents at the Andover meeting of Soviet and US scientists, printed in Pravda, the meeting was described as "useful," but overshadowed by "the adventurous acts of the American military." The correspondents wrote of the "war hysteria rocking the United States" and the "steady stream of fuddy propaganda" from US press and radio. In the same despatch the American charge concerning rocket sites was made known officially to Soviet audiences, it is believed for the first time. The despatch added that the "fantastic account of the sudden detection on Cuba of Soviet nuclear rockets of long range is not believed by any informed people."
5. Text of U Thant's Telegram to Khrushchev and Letter's Reply Broadcast to Soviet Audiences - In an unscheduled news bulletin during evening of Oct. 25 the domestic service of Radio Moscow gives text of the two telegrams with-

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6. Radio Moscow Broadcasts Zorin Commentary That Cuban Action Contrary to International Law and to Monroe Doctrine - October 26 - In a program beamed to domestic audiences Radio Moscow repeated the commentary of Valentin Zorin that there is "no norm in international law on which Cuban action could be based." This "grave infringement of international law" is compared to "open brigandage and piracy." Infringement of Monroe Doctrine by US was also alleged in that the "doctrine proclaimed America would not interfere in affairs of countries not in American Hemisphere," while U.S. sets up "aggressive" military bases "around the world."
7. UNSS Gives Factual Report of Patriarch of Moscow's Message to U Thant
Oct 26 - Moscow ~~Press~~ transmits in Russian the message of Patriarch Aleksey to U Thant in which he calls on the Secretary General to do everything possible for the UN to preserve world peace "which is at present threatened by the actions of the US government." The Patriarch hopes for successful results from the peaceful efforts of the UN.
8. Jamming - Full-scale jamming continued on October 26 of nearly all VOA programs, since they almost all concerned Cuba. Only one seven-minute program concerning John Steinbeck was intentionally let through by Soviet jammers. According to preliminary reports from our Embassy in Belgrade, however, the VOA saturation broadcasts beamed on the USSR during the evening of September 25 were quite successful with Soviet jamming stations in some cases unable to find the new frequencies used.

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